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*Establishment of sanitary board at Havana.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, D. C., June 19, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information an extract from a recent dispatch from the United States minister to Cuba reporting the establishment of a sanitary board at Havana.

Respectfully,

DAVID J. HILL,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

HAVANA, CUBA, June 10, 1902.

SIR: I am informed by our health officers and American physicians living here, that the state of public health is good. The sanitary condition of the streets, so far as one can see, certainly compares very favorably with some of our American cities.

Dr. Carlos Finlay, for three years a member of the board for diagnosis of infectious diseases, has been appointed chief of the sanitary department of the city of Havana, in the place of Maj. W. C. Gorgas, with Dr. Enrique Barnet, for some time an assistant surgeon in the United States Army, as assistant. The Cuban quarantine board is unchanged, and the national board of health, though projected, has not been constituted.

Drs. Finlay and Barnet are excellent men, and while Cubans, are men of experience and in sympathy with the American systems of sanitation.

Respectfully,

H. G. SQUIERS,  
*United States Minister.*

The SECRETARY OF STATE.

*Report from Havana—Government to cease making appropriations for municipal sanitation.*

HAVANA, CUBA, July 16, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended July 12, 1902:

OFFICE.

Number of vessels inspected and issued bills of health.....	14
Number of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	615
Number of passengers, outgoing vessels, inspected.....	279
Number of health certificates issued.....	11
Number of immune certificates issued.....	80
Number of applications for immune certificates rejected.....	7

SANATOR.

One cargo vessel completed disinfection, reported last week.	
Number of cargo vessels disinfected during week.....	9
Number of pieces of baggage and dunnage disinfected.....	488
Number of passengers and crews (outgoing) inspected.....	153

SHORE PLANT.

Number of pieces of baggage disinfected.....	31
Number of pieces of express matter disinfected.....	15
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	59
Number of pieces of express matter inspected and passed.....	17
Number of pieces of freight inspected and passed.....	1,343

I have to report also that at a recent meeting of the cabinet of the Republic of Cuba, it was decreed that on and after August 1, 1902, the Government of Cuba will cease to make appropriations for the disinfection and cleaning of the streets of the various cities and towns of the island, as they consider this a municipal matter, the expense of which

should be borne by the municipalities. For the past three years this expense has been paid by the military government. The cabinet further decided to transfer the disinfection material, etc., now on hand to the various municipalities for which they will reimburse the general Government.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
*Surgeon.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*Mortuary report of the city of Havana, Cuba, for the week ended July 12, 1902.*

Disease—	Deaths.
Typhoid fever.....	4
Enteritis.....	18
Tuberculosis.....	17
Pneumonia.....	2
Bronchitis.....	3
Tetanus.....	1
Leprosy.....	1
Meningitis.....	8
La Grippe.....	1
Malarial fever.....	3
Scarlet fever.....	1
Total deaths from all causes.....	129

*Report from Matanzas.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, *July 10, 1902.*

SIR: Through Surg. A. H. Glennan, Havana, I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended July 5, 1902: Vessels, outgoing, inspected and cleared, 5; crew inspected, 164; passengers inspected, 56; vessels disinfected, 1. No quarantinable disease was reported in this district. Mortality report for this port is inclosed.

Respectfully,

R. H. VON EZDORF,  
*Assistant Surgeon.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Inclosure.]

*Mortality reports for week ended July 5, 1902, for Matanzas, Cuba.*

Tuberculosis.....	8
Typhoid fever.....	2
Malarial fever.....	1
Dysentery.....	1
Enteritis.....	3
Infantile tetanus.....	1
Meningitis.....	1
Acute yellow atrophy of liver.....	1
Peritonitis.....	1
Carcinoma.....	1
Mitral insufficiency.....	1
Athrepsia.....	1
Drowning.....	1
Phosphorus poisoning.....	1

Total ..... 24

Annual rate of mortality for week, 25.67 per 1,000.